

Virginia Research Priory No. 1823
Virginia

By – Laws
September 2013

Article I—Name

By Decision No 1, 2013, the Grand Commander Knights Templar of Virginia hereby established the Virginia Research Priory No. 1823. This Research Priory shall operate as a Club under the auspices of Hampton Commandery No. 17.

Article II—Objectives

The objectives of Virginia Research Priory No. 1823 shall be:

- Conduct research on such Chivalric Masonic topics as the members therefore may see fit to purpose.
- Present at least one Research Paper at each meeting.
- Share the Research Papers with the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia.
- The Virginia Research Priory No. 1823 shall not confer the Christian Orders of Masonry.

Article III—Members

Section 1—Admission for Membership

- Membership in the Virginia Research Priory No. 1823 shall be available to all Knights Templar in good standing in a Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.
- Petitions for membership shall be recommended by two members of Virginia Research Priory No. 1823. Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) shall accompany the application and will be applied to the member's dues Membership in the Virginia Research Priory No. 1823 shall not be limited to or require membership in Hampton Commandery No.17.

Section 2—Requirements for Membership

- Members are required to pay their dues before participation in any Priory activities.

Section 3—Payment of Dues

- Every member of the Priory will be charged by the Secretary the sum of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) as Annual Dues.
- Membership dues shall be paid to the Secretary on or before the Annual Stated Meeting.

Section 4—Members in Arrears of Dues

- Members in arrears of dues after December 31 of the prior year shall be considered delinquent in their dues. Delinquent members will receive notice from the Secretary of their delinquency and have an opportunity to cure before being dropped. 30 days after

the date of the notification from the Secretary and receiving no response, they will be dropped from the roster of the Priory.

- The membership has the power to remit the dues, or grant further time for payment of members in arrears of dues.

Section 5—Compensation

- The Treasurer and Secretary shall receive their dues as annual compensation.

Section 6—Resignation

- Any member in current dues status can demit from Virginia Research Priory No. 1823 by written note to the Secretary.

Article IV—Officers

Section 1—Elected and Appointed Officers

- Elected Officers:
 - Prior
 - Chancellor
 - Inspector
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- Appointed Officers:
 - Prelate
 - Sentinel

Section 2—Eligibility for Office

- Elected and Appointed Officers shall be current in their dues.
- A member of the Priory must present a paper in the Priory before being eligible to be elected as Prior for the ensuing year.

Section 3—Election of Officers

- Election of Officers shall be held during the Annual Stated Meeting.
- Vacancy of an elected officer may be filled at the discretion of the Prior when such vacancy occurs before the end of the term of the office.
- Vacancy of the Prior shall be filled by the Junior Past Prior until the end of the term of the office.

Section 4—Duties of Officers

- The Prior will attend and preside over all meetings of Virginia Research Priory No. 1823. He shall appoint all committees and all officers not elective, and fill all vacancies until their successors have been elected and installed.
- The Chancellor shall preside in the event of the absence of the Prior or his ability to perform the duties of his office.
- The Inspector shall at all times perform such duties as may be assigned by the Prior.

- The Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Priory; receive all monies owed the Priory and deliver or pay the same to the Treasurer taking his receipt for the same.
- The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the hands of the Secretary; keep a fair and just account of the same, and pay them out as ordered by the Prior or by vote of the Priory.
- The duties of the Prelate are sacred and important and shall require his attendance at every meeting of the Priory; his duty is to officiate at the Alter and to offer up prayers to deity.
- The Sentinel's duties are to guard against the approach of cowens and eavesdroppers and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified.

Article V—Meetings

Section 1—Annual Meetings

- The Annual Stated Meeting of Virginia Research Priory No. 1823 shall be held at Poquoson Masonic Lodge, 6 Hunts Neck Road, Poquoson, Virginia on the 2nd Saturday of September at 10:00 AM

Section 2—Called Meetings

- Virginia Research Priory No. 1823 will meet three (3) additional times each year. The location and time for those meetings will be announced by the Prior.

Section 3—Quorum

- A Quorum shall consist of the Prior and at least 7 members of the Priory.

Article VI—Conduct of Meetings

Section 1—Dress

- Business attire is required for all meeting of Virginia Research Priory No. 1823.

Section 2—Order of Business

- The Order of Business will be established by a Committee appointed by the Prior and approved by the members of the Priory.

Article VII—Amendments

Any amendment proposed to these By-Laws must be submitted in writing at a Stated Meeting. The membership shall be notified of the proposed amendment and it will be voted on at the next scheduled meeting of the Priory. Adoption of the amendment shall require a Simple Majority affirmative vote of the members present.

Certification

I certify that the above By-Laws, or amendments thereto, were submitted in writing and audibly read at the Stated Meeting of this Priory held on SATURDAY JULY 26TH 2014, the membership being duly notified that action thereon was to be taken at the Stated Meeting to be held on SATURDAY 13TH SEPT' 2014 and that the said By-Laws or amendments thereto were adopted by the required majority of members present.

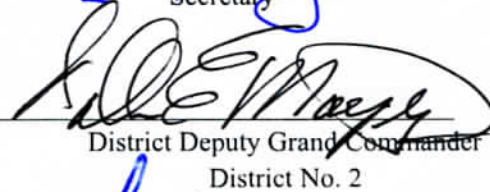


Prior



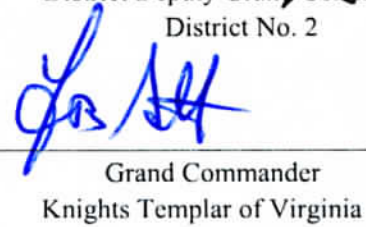
Secretary

Approved: Nov 2, 2013



District Deputy Grand Commander
District No. 2

Approved: 4 Nov, 2013



Grand Commander
Knights Templar of Virginia